

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on March 19, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae (D)  
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 302, 3/11/2003; SB 320,  
3/11/2003; SB 376, 3/11/2003; SB  
408, 3/11/2003  
Executive Action: SB 376, TABLED  
SB 408, BE CONCURRED IN, 15-3  
HB 716, TABLED

**HEARING ON SB 376**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

1:00 SEN. ELLIOT, SD 36 -- **Short Title:** General tax amnesty.  
The sponsor asked the Committee to table the bill.  
CHAIRMAN FUCHS closed the hearing.

**HEARING ON SB 408**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:00 SEN. NELSON, SD 49 -- **Short Title:** Adjustment to state  
income tax for certain health care professionals.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

05:00 John Flink, Montana Health Care Providers  
**EXHIBIT (tah58a01)**  
08:00 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association  
09:00 Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association  
10:00 Mary McHugh, Montana Dental Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

12:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:00

**HEARING ON SB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:00 SEN. MCCARTHY, SD 39 -- **Short Title:** Revise taxation of  
multiple undivided interests in a single parcel of  
property.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

18:00 Don Allen, Powell County, Granite County, Deer Lodge  
County, Anaconda  
19:00 Ronda Carpenter, Montana County Treasurers Association  
24:00 Jim Curry

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

27:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

34:00

REP. LASLOVICH introduced Alex Beveridge, future Legislator, to the Committee.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 376**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. BALYEAT moved that SB 376 BE TABLED. Motion carried 17-1 with REP. COHENOUR voting no by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 408**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 408 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 15-3 with REPS. BALYEAT, FUCHS, and JACKSON voting no by roll call vote. REP. WAITSCHIES will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 320**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

43:00 SEN. TESTER, SD 45 -- Short Title: Revise local government laws concerning tax increment base value.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

45:00 Rick Morris, Mayor of Fort Benton

50:00 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

55:00 Brad Simshaw, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

55:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

1:00:00

9:01 a.m. Break

9:18 a.m. Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 716

Motion: REP. BALYEAT moved that HB 716 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. BALYEAT moved that HB 716 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT** (tah58a02)

Discussion:

1:19:00

Vote: Motion that HB 716 BE AMENDED failed 9-9 with REPS. ANDERSEN, BALYEAT, DEVLIN, FUCHS, JACKSON, LAKE, LAMBERT, PETERSON, and WAITSCHIES voting aye by roll call vote.

Discussion:

2:01:00

**EXHIBIT** (tah58a03)

Vote: Motion that HB 716 DO PASS failed 3-16 with REPS. BALYEAT, JACKSON, and LAMBERT voting aye by roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:16 A.M.

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REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (tah58aad)